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COAL LINKAGE TO SOVA ISPAT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sova ispat an industry situated at Baukura district of West Bengal has been waiting for coal linkage for years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the coal linkage will be granted to the said industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) to (c) Coal linkages for sponge iron units are considered and approved by the Standing Linkage Committee for Sponge Iron Units and Ferro Alloys Units functioning in the Ministry of Steel based on the priority of the consumers and availability of coal. The Ministry of Coal gives only coal availability report to the Ministry of Steel for their consideration. The request of M/s Sova Ispat Limited was forwarded by the Ministry of Steel in October, 2004 to the Ministry of Steel for their consideration. The request of M/s Sova Ispat Limited was forwarded by the Ministry of Steel in October, 2004 to the Ministry of Coal for indicating coal availability. Linkages are granted subject to fulfilment of eligibility by consumers and availability of coal at the particular source.